

Newsletter

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President's Message Bev Webb "Endeavor"



"March is here — signaling the awakening of spring and bringing a revitalizing energy that inspires us to appreciate every blooming flower and lengthening day! It's a time for renewal, growth, and the anticipation of vibrant days ahead."

March is Woman's History month.

"Women's History Month pays homage to the trailblazers before us, builds hope and inspiration to us and offers an example of pride and excellence for younger generations."

— Kron Moore

At our meeting, we have a guest speaker. It promises to be informative. Kurt Broz is an Environmental Planner for the Pala Band of Mission Indians. He graduated with his mas-



ter's degree and then moved to California, spending much of his career working in government environmental work. For over a decade, Kurt has worked for the Pala Tribe doing a variety of interesting tasks: wildlife protection, habitat restoration, land use



planning, climate change preparedness, and

environmental outreach. Some of the current projects Kurt is focused on include a small habitat restoration site along the San Luis Rey River, a Comprehensive Land Use Plan, an economic development



program focused on green technologies, and running a Fuels Crew to prevent wildfire. For many of the Tribes in California, fantastic work is being done to protect the land for future generations and Kurt is looking forward to talking about this work and ways that the community can support the Tribes.



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Please note General meeting location and time



General Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 2024
Assistance League
28720 Via Montezuma
Check in: 9:30 AM
Meeting Starts: 10:00AM
Light Refreshments
Meeting Fee = \$10
Cash, Check, or Credit Card

RSVP by Tuesday, March 26th

RSVP by responding to the eBlast or by calling the club phone (951)-302-1370





Meeting ID: 874 2407 2594

Passcode: 740726

General Information

Motion Deadline

The Monday prior to the board meeting.

Mail or email to

Kim O'Brien

P.O. Box 1056,

Temecula, CA 92593 or

obrienkim@gmail.com

Executive Board Meetings

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 AM.

Newsletter Deadline

The second Friday of the month.

Email your article to:

plhcastillo@gmail.com

General Meetings

Fourth Thursday of the month.

Meeting Minutes & Newsletters

Available on the TVWC website under the "Members" tab.

Report Hours

Report hours at your committee meetings. The Chair or Project leader will collect your hours and in-kind amounts. If you cannot attend a meeting, report your hours when you decline the invitation to attend the meeting.

The SHAMROCK indicates in-kind and/ or volunteer and social opportunities listed in the Newsletter.





First Vice President/ Dean of Chairs

Pat Nelson

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson.

For those who do not know,
Phil Jackson is a basketball
coach. Found this
appropriate as we end
March Madness. And
although these games soon
are coming to an end, ours are just beginning but all committees are up and running!

Projects have leads and most committees have appointed their representatives for the Federated Grant Fund committee. The first round of proposals for the Federated Grand Funds are due to Katie Burnham (Committee Chair) by April 1st. Each committee is to write their proposal with an Education component and may ask for up to \$1,500 during the year for either April or September (but proposals may be split for each date). The next deadline is September 1st.

Have you heard? Distributions have been made from the 2023 Home Tour proceeds. Each committee will be receiving additional funds in the amount of \$968.93. Prior to expenditures for



Advocates for Children Fund Balance \$1,813.39 Arts & Culture Fund Balance \$2,325.03 Environment Fund Balance \$1,517.62 Education Fund Balance \$2,924.77 Health & Wellness Fund Balance \$2,695.09

Things to remember:

- Check the TVWC calendar for upcoming events and meetings.
- When you receive an invitation for a meeting or event, please RSVP to the notice.
- Sign-up sheets will be made available (adjacent to the table of treats) at the general meetings for committee special events take a look and sign up for some fun!

Should you have any questions, I'm only a phone call away (858-395-6171)— Thank you ladies for stepping up. If you are not on a committee yet, please contact a committee chair for information (information in their newsletter articles). We're looking forward to everyone's participation!

WOMEN TOGETHER EMPOWERED

Our next Federated Committee Chair meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 10AM - at my home: 31492 Pennant Ct., Temecula, 92591 - 858-395-6171 - CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!





2nd Vice President/Membership Marva Murray

Hello, Ladies! I hope you are having a "Bluebird of Happiness" kind of day. Spring is around the corner, and our beautiful earth is once again waking up. We are awake also, to new projects, new friends, and new beginnings. In January, I announced our five new members, and at our February meeting we had **Elena Nowak** also join our fabulous club. We welcome you, Elena.

We held an orientation at my home for all the new gals on Monday, March 11th. It was a St. Patrick's Day theme, and we discussed how our club delivers so many "pots of gold" and devotion to service through our projects. As a reminder, if a newer member is sitting by you at a meeting, please make certain that they feel informed of what is being discussed at a meeting. As you know, we have a lot going on, and it can be quite overwhelming.

I hope to see many of you at our March Happy Hour at Finch in Wildomar. At this time, I have 11 ladies attending. Please remember that you are welcome to bring a guest(s). This is another way to recruit some new gals.



Speaking of recruiting, we will be having another recruitment BINGO before our April meeting. *Hippity Hop to the BINGO BOP*!! I will send another Eblast information reminder. Our

April meeting will begin at 9:30 and we will play Bingo until approximately 10:15/10:20. Your guest may leave at that time or stay for the meeting. Last year we had 9 guests and 8 of them stayed for the meeting. A good time was had by all.

We are still open for anyone interested in being a mentor for our new members. The membership committee will be taking this on, but if you would like to join us, that would be great.

Congratulations to our March birthday gals ~ Bunny
Amendola, Carrie Jo Cardieux,
Patti Castillo, Lorri Cerwin,
Judy Ewert, Pat Nelson, Shelby Price, Sally
Provenzano, Laine Gonzales, Tammy Rickman. I counted back nine months from March, and it is



I met my husband on the 71/91 interchange. He proposed to me three years on the 71/91 interchange!

December. Lots going on, I guess!! Lol

I "made out" with 3 sons of preachers on a Log Flume ride. They took turns sitting in the back seat. At the top of the hill, there stood my dad, waiting. **He saw the whole thing!!** We were all in trouble when we got off the ride ~ needless to say!!!!!

I am an auctioneer.

Lastly, don't forget to share the wonderful projects that we are doing with friends and other clubs you are in, etc. When you speak *positively and passionately* about what we do, others can't help but become interested and supportive. In other words, don't keep TVWC a secret!! We can't grow if we don't plant seeds, so let's get gardening and grow our membership.



Health & Wellness

Kim O'Brien

Our first Walk and Brunch was a big hit. We met at the Duck Pond and walked in pairs – each at our own pace – once, twice or even three loops around the pond. Before our brunch at Chili's, we had a short H&W committee meeting and decided this was something we wanted to keep doing. We have some ideas for other places to walk and of course brunch. Keep an eye out for an eBlast letting you know about our next walk.



Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Tour de Murrieta Bike Race on April 6th and 7th. There is still time to volunteer for either day. Remember that the cyclists reciprocate by working our Holiday Home Tour. If you have questions, please call, text or email me Kim O'Brien, 757-535-0964, obrienkim@gmail.com.

Crafters! We had our first brainstorming/ planning meeting on March 12th. We have decided on three new projects 1) Yarn Crafts, 2) Card Making and 3) Jewelry making. We came up with lots of great ideas. Each project has a lead/co-lead and will be sending out information via eBlast as to dates / times.



Mastectomy Bags! Pat will be leading this project. This year they are making pillows and aprons. You don't need to be crafty or know

how to sew, but we all know how to cut out material, stuff a pillow and iron! Pat will be sending out information about dates and times she will be working on the bags.

So many new projects – thanks to everyone who has stepped up to make this all happen. It's so great to have more to report on than just the Senior Lunches at Wildomar. This month there was a special treat – not the kind you eat, HAHA! – Debi Stoffel brought her dog Rosie to the Senior Center. She made her grand entrance after birthday cake and ice cream. Of course, she was a big hit with everyone!





February Highlights



Welcoming new members—(left to right) Elena Nowak, Tammy Rickman, Cindy Nolan, Marianne Williams, Laine Gonzales, Marvay Murray, Bev Webb



Music Man's Harold Hill performed at our February General Meeting.



Bev and Debi met a new friend

New Member Orientation and Luncheon— Held at Marva's home









Education and Libraries Katie Burnham & Susan Nielson



The March 7 meeting was held at Evelyn Dial's home. We had an emotional and heartfelt discussion of the book: When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi led by Shelby Price. It was probably one of the most moving and sad books the group has read. Many of us strongly related to the struggle Paul waged and the sadness of that struggle.

The Education committee meeting followed B4L at 11:30. Katie shared the list of volunteers for the 3 libraries the committee works with. Katie reported that the In Kind Month was changed to June to accommodate the Advocates for Children committee and their need to collect school supplies before the start of June. The committee voted to have the In Kind be gently used children's books for the Western Eagle Foundation. Joyce Troyer suggested that we include Spanish language books when gathering the books.

Scholarships were discussed. Jan Emde reported that there are 2 applicants so far for HOBY and more to come. She also shared that one of last year's recipients will join us for the May General Meeting. Patti Castillo shared that scholarship applications will be read at Murrieta Mesa High School March 11, 13, and 19 from 4-6 PM. Debi Stoffel has received applications for the MSJC scholarships and Mary Lou and Gloria will help her read them. Debi is also leading the Career Pathways scholarship reading. She is contacting the current recipient to get a status update and that student may also attend the May General Meeting.

for the Federated Education Fund Grant that would provide Dr. Seuss books for the Murrieta Head Start Program. Last year we did not have a great response from club members donating the Dr. Seuss books, we used some of our budget to purchase the number of books needed. A TVWC sticker was put in all the books, and the committee members wrapped the books at the Christmas meeting. The books were available for the children to take home over Christmas break. If we choose to do this project again, possible funds could come from the Educational Grant Fund or committee funds.

Next B4L will be 3/7 at Debi Stoffel's home. 36015 Glenoaks Road, Temecula, Ca 92592 Directions will be provided with the meeting agenda. The Book is: Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See.

In honor of St Patrick's Day: What do you call a huge Irish spider? *A Paddy-long-legs*.





Books for Lunch By Shelby Price

One of the biggest themes in *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi is facing death with the idea that even when dying, you can still find joy and purpose in life. In one section, Paul deals with the fact that his time is running out, and the thing that mattered.

The focus is on **life after Paul's diagnosis**, and how he tries to move forward. You can see in this true story that Paul's values and the way he sees himself changes once he realizes he no longer has the future he's always envisioned. As a student he was transformed "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a neurosurgeon at Stanford working in the brain, the most critical place for human identity. The book was very well received by the members of B4L and allowed each member To express how they felt after reading this book

by relating the theme to her own experiences. The Education Committee followed the discussion. Luncheon was hosted by Evelyn Dial which was very tasty and the lunch time allowed us to become better acquainted with our 3 new members.

April 4th
Lady Tan's Circle of Women
Lisa See 368 pages

May 2nd
Born a Crime
Trevor Noah 304 pages

June 6th
Lessons in Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus 400 pages

DARK IN JULY AND AUGUST

2nd Vice President/Fundraising Judi Sammons



Coming this June! It's Tournament time with Temecula Valley Women's Club Fund Raising Event. Now beginning to organize, I Would love your help and input as it comes together. Many of you either play or know people who do play. I am open to ideas, name of tournament etc. The mock up below is just the beginning of an idea.





Advocates for Children Co-shiars Claudia Thunnell & Pat Nelson



Eight of our 14 committee members attended the first meeting of the year (2/26). Of course, we hope that more will be attending our future meetings. We have project leads, and our thanks are extended to them. Members present proposed and passed 4 motions: \$150 for Calicinto Rancho sleeping bags; up to \$250 for Pinwheels (prevention of child abuse); bring a motion before the general membership for community diapers and wipes; and to apply for the Federation Grant Fund for the purpose of buying backpacks and school supplies for the organizations we support.

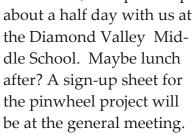
As we were not able to make our Operation Smile blankets at the meeting, we



carried on with business as usual. the blanket project will be done at our next meeting, Monday,
March 25th at 10am.

Shortly after this date, members will be receiving an e-blast regarding our

Pinwheel project which we do in conjunction with the Hemet Woman's Club. And, on April 9th plan to spend





Or, you can call Claudia Thunnell at 951-660-7507.

Our In-Kind month has been swapped with Education, so our's is now scheduled for the May general meeting. This will allow the committee to count donations to see what is needed for the backpack usually put together in early July for students.

The TVWC calendar has been set for our second meeting - so mark your's as well. As stated above, it will be on Monday, March 25th, 10am at the Temecula Valley Museum, 28314 Mercedes St, Temecula. Our thanks to each member of the Advocates for Children committee, as well as all our members who support our goals!





Environment

Chair Barb Purdy



Tour of Animal Friends of the Valley's Spay & Neuter Clinic



The Environment Committee is planning a guided tour of the new spay and neuter clinic at Animal Friends of the Valley (AFV) on **Wednesday**, **April 10 at 12 noon**. The address is 33751 Mission Trail, Wildomar. Chief Animal Control Officer, Mo Middleton, will be available to answer questions and share stories of her adventures on the job. We are inviting all TVWC members to join us on this tour. There will be more information and a sign-up sheet at our March General Meeting.

Guided Tour of the Vernal Pools at the Santa Rosa Plateau



Laine Gonzales with the Environment Committee is planning a guided tour at the Santa Rosa Plateau to see the Vernal Pools. Maryann Lancaster will be our guide. This will take place on **Friday**, **April 19th at 1:00 p.m.**. All TVWC members are invited to join us for this tour. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available at our March General Meeting.

In-Kind Donations for April



April is the month for the Environment Committee's In-Kind. We are asking for donations for Animal Friends of the Valleys. They are in need of dog and cat food for their

shelter animals. Pedigree dog food is preferred for the dogs and Fancy Feast



cat food for the cats. They are also in need of Tidy Cat litter. You can bring these items to our April meeting for the donation table or you can order them through Chewy: Pet Food, Products, Supplies at Low Prices - Free Shipping | Chewy.com or Amazon Amazon.com. Spend less. Smile more. They will deliver directly to the shelter. Animal Friends of the Valleys address is: 33751 Mission Trail, Wildomar, CA 92595. Thank you for helping the shelter animals.







Parliamentarian Evelyn Dial

24-3-1 I MOVE THAT THE Temecula Valley Woman's Club approve donating diapers and wipes in amount of \$500 from the Community Charity Fund to Koinonia and Project Touch - \$250 for each organization in supplies.

COST: \$500

SUBMITTED BY: Pat Nelson, Co-Chair Advocates for Children

Date: March 8, 2024

REASON FOR MOTION: We find there is still a very substantial need for diapers and wipes. TVWC has the means and opportunity to alleviate this problem. Our Community Charity Fund currently has \$8,317.95.

24-3-2 I MOVE THAT THE Temecula Valley Woman's Club approve donating \$400 from the community fund to the All From the Heart organization for their annual Support Our Troops event on April 28, 2024, at Stampede in Old Town Temecula. This event is for active-duty military families with special needs/circumstances. Every child in each family receives a bike and helmet from All from the Heart. The cost of each bike/helmet is \$200.

COST: \$400

SUBMITTED BY: Kim O'Brien

Date: March 8, 2024

REASON FOR MOTION: The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. The four "broad strokes" of this effort include: Citizenship, Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry, and Homeless; and Our Military Personnel and Veterans.

24-3-3 I MOVE THAT THE Temecula Valley Woman's Club approve taking \$310.65 from account #3500 – Annual Club Project Fund Balance, to add to the \$9,689.35 from the 2023 Home Tour proceeds to make the amount \$10,000 to donate for the 2023 Annual Club Project – Shakespeare in the Vines.

COST: \$310.35

SUBMITTED BY: Lorri Cerwin, Treasurer

Date: March 15, 2024

REASON FOR MOTION: The money in account #3500 was from a previous Annual Club Project which could not be used as intended.

Historian Claudia Thunnell



A PAST TO REMEMBER A FUTURE TO MOLD

March is Women's History and I have chosen a lovely lady that has been our Past President for two separate years. In 1994 Nanette Jiminez was our 14th President and the Special Club Projects that year were; An 11passenger transportation VAN equipped for handicapped accessibility for the Temecula Old Town Senior Citizen Center.

Scholarships for local graduating seniors. Nanette chose to give it a whirl again in 2008 becoming our 28th President. Her theme was "Compassion – Communication – Commitment"

The Special Club Projects for 2008 were:

- Wounded Warriors Transportation Van.
- Scholarships fund for 15 High Schools Graduating Seniors, one Mt San Jacinto scholarship, and our 1st recipient to receive a Special Circumstance Scholarship.
- HOBY (Hugh Obrien Youth Leadership Conference) was awarded to 5 local sophomores.





The Wounded Warrior Foundation was designated as the recipient of a specially equipped VAN to transport servicemen for rehabilitation and treatment, with Paradise Chevrolet providing the van at Fleet Rate pricing.

Why do we join a service organization? To meet new people, make new friends, to learn what is going on around us. But most importantly to serve the Community in which we live. It is pretty fantastic when a relatively small group of women can produce such high-powered results.

NOTE TO REMEMBER: This is not just about our wonderful committed ladies that step into the role as Presidents, but about what all of our extraordinary TVWC ladies can accomplish working together.



PR & Communications Sandie Foreman

Social Media postings:

Video TVWC representing at the Temecula Valley Museum

Animal Friends of the Valley representing at the Grand Opening of the Spayed and Neuter Clinic, which TVWC donated. Monthly General Meeting posted with highlights of TVWC New Members International Women's Day with TVWC members

Monthly "Help Support TVWC" flyer sent out.



If you know of a TVWC member that you would like to acknowledge, for their contributions/ dedication/compassion/club experiences, please

send me a brief bio and picture and we will be posting it, in next month's Newsletter and also on social media. There is a sample of the post

format shown below.

Reminder: TVWC QR code is now available for members to download and use to share the word about the Club. This QR Code is linked to the TVWC Facebook page.



If you need any assistance regarding social media posting, please contact me, I am happy to help.







Treasurer's Report-Lorri Cerwin





Financial	Report
March.	2024

Checking Account as of 2/29/2024

Income	\$18,824.21
Expenditures	\$532.29
Account Balance	\$119,053.38
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This report will be filed for Audit

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ESO Chair Gloria Bockrath

The first ESO meeting of the year was held during lunch after the Education & Libraries business meeting on February 1, 2024. We had 12 people in attendance. Several were already members of ESO and three completed their Pledge form. The committee decided to meet every three months. Our next meeting is Monday, May 13, at 4:00 pm. Gloria will host the meeting at her home. Members will bring books to share, talk about books they read and what they thought of the books, provide insights and explanations of categories, facilitate filling out the forms, and generally help each other progress through the ESO levels.

Our guest speaker for the January general meeting was Reggie Maddox. She is the Chair of DeAnza District ESO. Her lively explanation of ESO was delightful. So many people have been afraid to join ESO because of the reporting requirements. Reggie made the report writing sound easy.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron is a General Federation of Woman's Club sponsored reading program. One of the goals is for members to continue their education by reading books of their choice in different ESO categories. This makes members read books they would not normally read, thereby sparking interest in new areas.

In our club, in the past, ESO was a project within the Education & Libraries Committee. Now it is a Committee in its own right. Anyone in the club that likes to read may join this Committee. Since reading the books is done at your own pace, for some it may take weeks to finish a level, for others it will take years.

I have been a member of ESO for 4 years and am still working on my Torch Level!

ESO is a "judgment free" zone for readers. We laugh when we say that at the meetings when sharing our reports to be used as examples, however, we do mean it. We nurture each other in reaching individual goals.

Happy Reading.







Arts & Culture Co-Chairs Debi Stoffel & Denise Miller



The Arts & Culture Committee welcomed some new and returning members at our first meeting in February 2024! So nice to see everyone's smiling faces! We are eager to start planning some great activities to help support our local arts and culture such as movie dates, attending performances at the Temecula Community Theater, JDS Academy, summer plays at Shakespeare in the Vines, Southern California Choral Artists concerts, and the Temecula Valley Symphony.

Currently we're signing up to volunteer for Cultural Days at the Temecula Valley Museum and looking into other volunteer opportunities in the performing arts.



Our committee has voted on applying for The Educational Grant Fund, April 1st, for Shakespeare in the Vines two-week summer camp for kids the ages of 8-18, which encourages learning in the performing arts in a creative and fun environment.

Our next meeting: Thursday, March 21st @



Save the Dates:



Music Man, Sunday, April 24th @ 2:00 PM, Temecula Community Theater Bard Goes to Broadway, Saturday, May 4th @ 7:30 PM, Temecula Community Theater.

Southern California Choral Artists, Saturday, May 18th @ 4:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church, Temecula.

Wizard of Oz, Sunday May 19th, time?
JDS Academy



Debi Stoffel & Bev Webb Volunteering at the the Museum's Cultural Day.





















Your 2024 Executive Board		
President	Bev Webb	
1st V.P./Dean	Pat Nelson	
2nd V.P./Membership	Marva Murray	
3rd V.P./Fundraising	Judith Collins	
Secretary	Kim O'Brien	
Treasurer	Lorri Cerwin	
Financial Secretary	Jayne Schneider	
Parliamentarian	Evelyn Dial	
Communications & PR	Sandie Foreman	

2024 Standing Committee Chairs		
Auditor	Jayne Schneider	
Bylaws	Pat Nelson	
Community Education Fund	Katie Burnham	
Email	Melody Frazier	
Federation	Claudia Thunnell	
Historian	Claudia Thunnell	
Hospitality	Carrie Jo Cadieux	
Newsletter	Patti Castillo	
Photography	Judy Ewert, Bonnie Derleth	
Programs	Katie Burnham	
Properties	Kim O'Brien, Bev Webb	
Registrar	Gloria Bockrath	
Telephone	Sally Cole	
Yearbook	Kim O'Brien & Marva Murray	

Mar	k Your Calendar
3/26/2024	RSVP Deadline for GM
3/28/2024	General Meeting
4/01/2024	Advocates for Children
4/3/2024	Health & Wellness Committee
4/3/2024	Lunch for Seniors
4/4/2024	Books 4 Lunch/Education
?/13/2024	Environment Committee
4/11/2024	Board Meeting
4/18/2024	Arts & Culture
4/29/2024	Advocates for Children



